

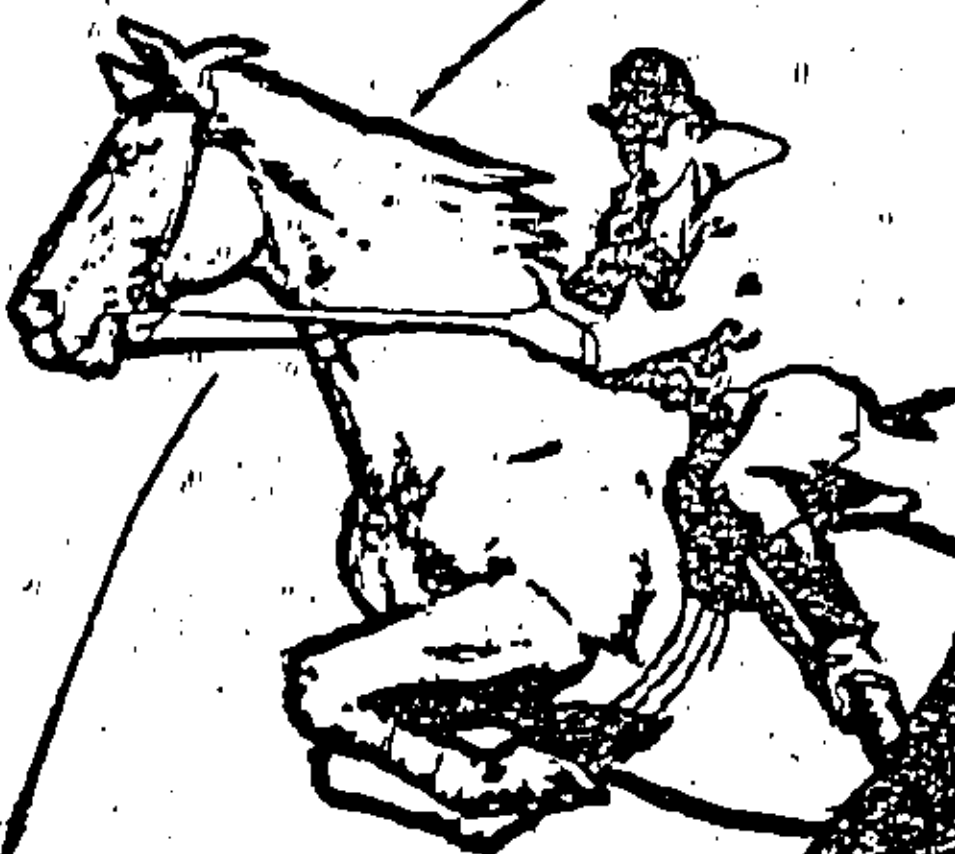
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AMERICAN AIRMEN KILLED.

FATAL CRASH DURING TESTING.

COMPETITOR IN THE NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York News, April 26th.
Commander Noel Davis, who was preparing for a non-stop flight from New York to Paris, was killed while testing a giant biplane, the "American Legion," when he crashed near Messick, in Virginia.
Comdr. Noel Davis and his companion, Lieutenant Wooster, who was also killed, had no time to jump clear when the machine, which apparently had developed engine trouble, fell several hundred feet. It was to have been the last test flight prior to the departure for the real attempt.
Comdr. Noel Davis was on the staff of Rear-Admiral Strauss in war time, and was engaged in laying a mine barrage in the North Sea. He resigned his commission when he returned to the United States, but qualified as a naval aviator.

The War Department at his request released a big bomber for his New York-Paris flight. This was recently officially inspected and pronounced fit. Comdr. Noel Davis' announcement of his intention to compete in the flight was made only a fortnight ago, and completely surprised his rivals, including Comdr. Byrd.

BRITISH IMPERIAL AVIATION.

EXPERTS ADVISING THE DOMINIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 26th.
Major Scott, the famous airship captain, has just left for Canada, accompanied by Mr. Gibbs, of the Works and Buildings Department of the Air Ministry. Mr. Gibbs has been in charge of the arrangements for the erection of three airship mooring masts at Cardington, Ismailia and Karachi. The object of this visit is to advise the Canadian Government on the best site for their mooring mast.
Group Captain Fowell and Flight-Lieutenant Nixon, of the Royal Airship Works, and Mr. Gibbott, airship meteorologist, are on a tour to South Africa and Australia to give similar advice to those dominions. Flight-Lieutenant Nixon will also explore the possibilities of the Colonies in West and East Africa.

AIR ARMAMENTS.

STATEMENT BY BRITISH SECRETARY OF AIR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 26th.
Speaking at a banquet given by the Government to members of the International Conference on Air Navigation, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for the Air, said we in England had hitherto taken the view that the best hope of success for the restriction of air armaments was to move step by step rather than to attempt at once a solution of a great and complicated problem. This was why the British representative at Geneva had proposed to deal first with that side of the problem that was most urgent and that appeared to be most simple, namely, the risk to the great cities of Europe from sudden attacks of metropolitan air forces within reach of them. Other countries did not agree with us. They wished rather that all questions connected with air armaments should be simultaneously taken into account. In deference to their wishes the British Government had modified its original position. "None the less dangerous, lest it be found that in the final stages of the treaty, the actual question of numbers of machines may be brought up; and this widening of the problem will force the nations to put in very high demands for their own requirements or will stifle the whole problem in a maze of complexities. I hope I may be proved wrong. I need not say that even though views of the British Government have not been fully accepted at Geneva we shall none the less try to work loyally upon any basis that may finally be approved."

NEW EGYPTIAN MINISTRY FORMED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

CAIRO, April 26th.
The new Ministry has been constituted, with Sarwat Pasha as Premier and Minister of the Interior, and Morcos Hanna Pasha as Foreign Minister.

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[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 27th.
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MAJOR-GENERAL RYRIE.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S TRIBUTE.

To his achievements as a soldier rather than to his record as a legislator (though that is a sterling one) Major-General Sir Graeme de Laune Ryrie, K.C.M.G., C.B., the newly appointed High Commissioner for Australia, owes his place in the hearts of his compatriots. Born at Michelago in the pastoral country of New South Wales, in 1865, he was the son of the late Alexander Ryrie, a member of the Upper House of Australia's mother State, and was educated at the King's School, Parramatta, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in the Commonwealth. After some experience in State politics, he was elected to the Federal House of Representatives as member for North Sydney in 1911, and has been an Honorary Minister and Assistant Minister for Defence.

Major-General Ryrie, a typical bushman and light horseman, began his service in arms in the South African War, where he was wounded. When Australia marshalled her forces to participate in the Great War, he was given the command of the Second Light Horse Brigade, which he led as dismounted troops in Gallipoli and mounted troops in Palestine. He was twice wounded and five times mentioned in despatches, attaining the rank of Major-General in 1919.

Regarding Ryrie, Mr. Harry Gullett, one of the Australian official war correspondents, and now a member of the Federal Parliament, wrote: "Of all our Australian leaders disclosed by the war, perhaps none stands level with Graeme de Laune Ryrie as a true representative of the Australian countryside. Despite his great weight, he was one of the most perfect horsemen in Palestine, and he often showed himself one of the best shots in his brigade."

His knowledge of men and horses had no peer in an army of horsemen; and his sense of country and appreciation of enemy positions were remarkable. When he first stood for Parliament, he sang ballads to his constituents to the accompaniment of any instrument available. He was bluff, humorous, and plucky; could treat a sick horse, throw a boomerang, and put up a gallant fight in the boxing ring. His pet horse, Plain Bill, was the most coveted animal among the 30,000 that composed the Desert Mounted Corps in Palestine. Ryrie is asserted to have gone right through the campaign from the Canal to the Armistice without one serious mistake. Not only was he a successful leader, but he supplied that moral support which comes from backbone and conviction. He lived as did his troopers, and there was none of their hardships which "the old Brig," as they called him, would not share. From the British point of view, he was perhaps indulgent—but the fire-discipline and march-discipline of his troops was magnificent, and his men regarded him almost as a father.
Major-General Ryrie married Mary Frances Gwendolyn, a daughter of Judge MacFarland, of New South Wales. He has a son and two daughters, all of whom were born in Australia.

£250,000 PLAN TO ENLARGE THE GUILDHALL.

NEW ART GALLERY MORE OFFICES.

A great scheme for improving the Guildhall, in which the late Viscount Beatelet, the millionaire oil king, was keenly interested, is being pressed forward by members of the City Corporation.

There was a persistent rumour in the City recently that Lord Bearsted's will would provide for a substantial donation to assist the fund, probably to the extent of financing the building of a new art gallery, but the *Daily Express* could obtain no confirmation of this.

The manner in which the immense fortune left by Lord Bearsted is to be distributed has been kept a closely guarded secret, but details of the will are likely to be published soon.

Lord Bearsted served as a City alderman for thirty-six years, and he was Lord Mayor of London in 1902-3.

The scheme to which he had given his support was devised by Sir Banister Fletcher, the architect, and he said to a *Daily Express* representative that it had been under consideration by the City Corporation for three months, and there was every prospect that it would be adopted.

There is no question of Sir Banister being employed in a professional capacity, as he is himself a member of the corporation.

"My scheme is to reconstruct and dignify the principal entrance to the Guildhall, by removing the building at the corner of Gresham-street," he said, "and by building a new art gallery on the site, duplicating in the main lines of its design the church of Lawrence Jewry, which stands on the other side of the approach."

(Continued on next Column).

LONDON POLICEMEN

BRIBED AT GOODWOOD.

SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

JUDGE'S STERN COMMENTS.

Two Metropolitan police constables, Arthur Isadore Strauss Cheshire (49), and Joseph Lucas (38), who were charged with receiving a corrupt gift of money at Goodwood Races on July 25th, and Edwin Bottom (61), labourer, were each sentenced to six months' hard labour at Sussex Assizes at Lewes.

This was the second trial, the jury having disagreed in the first trial. The three men strenuously denied that any coins changed hands between them, but a sergeant and a constable of the West Sussex Constabulary were confident that from a distance of six yards they saw the gifts made.

Mr. Justice Horridge, summing up, said Mr. St. John Hutchinson, who defended the two constables, had emphasised the extreme danger of finding the men guilty because of the positions they occupied.

Value Of Character.
"It would be a bad day for English justice," he said, "when a jury were afraid to keep their oaths and decide upon the evidence. You have nothing to do with the result of your verdict."

It had been suggested, he continued, that the men should not be convicted because they were all of such good character. Character was an asset to everybody, but in crime there had always to be a "first time."

The only bearing character had upon the case was that in the event of there being a serious doubt the jury were entitled to say that the men were of such good character that they were not likely to commit the offence.

When the foreman of the jury announced that they found all three guilty, Mr. Justice Horridge said he entirely concurred in the verdict.

"A Shocking Crime."
"Nobody," he said, "could have heard Sergeant Jones give his evidence without seeing that he was speaking the truth, and speaking the truth under very difficult circumstances for an officer doing his duty, and charging two other constables with an offence."

Cheshire and Lucas had violated their posts as servants under the Government.
"It is a shocking crime," said the judge, "and everybody ought to be very much indebted to Jones for the many ways in which he has brought you to justice."

"It is a very bad thing for the English police force if there are other members of this force, as I hope there are not, who take bribes. Let this case be a lesson to others, and let us hope it will do something to purify the police force if this thing which we have been investigating takes place in other instances."

The judge added that he would have given the police officers a heavier sentence than Bottom because the offence was far worse in their position, but Bottom had been previously convicted, and therefore he would put them all in the same position.

BRITISH FILMS COMBINE.

£2,000,000 MERGER.

The Film Correspondent of the *London Daily Telegraph* states that communications have been in progress for some time between several of the leading British film producers, including the Gaumont Company, and it is said W. and F. Film Service, Ideal Films, Ltd., and Gainsborough Pictures, Ltd., with the object of forming a large combine in order to provide a revenue outlet for British pictures. The capital of the company will probably be between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000, and it is backed by the London banking firm of Messrs. Oetzer Brothers.

The scheme, if it materialises, will include the purchase of a large number of leading cinema theatres in London and the provinces. This would enable the producers of British films to count upon a profitable outlet for their productions. The scheme is on similar lines to what the American producers have been striving to accomplish. The new Gaumont studios, which are to be constructed at Shepherd's-bush, will provide ample facilities for British production. It is rumoured that a very large London studio, which, up to the present, has not met with great success, may also eventually be included in the scheme.

"An enlarged Guildhall-yard would have high ornamental gates at the entrance, and the scheme also provides for better office accommodation in the Guildhall."

"I have often said that the present accommodation is not worthy of a small provincial town." The question of cost has not been gone into yet, but it is roughly estimated that the scheme would involve an expenditure of not more than £250,000.

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JAPAN'S POPULATION PROBLEM.

IMPERIALISM WILL BE PROVIDED NO SOLUTION?

BIRTH CONTROL AND DIMINISHING POPULATION IN THE FUTURE.

[By DR. S. WASHIO.]

Japan's financial crisis gives special interest to the following article by Dr. S. Washio in the *Japan Advertiser*, dealing as it does with a great economic factor at the back of the surface disturbances.

The problem of Japan is her enormous increase in population. Dr. Washio is of the fixed opinion that neither exploitation of China—herself over-populated—nor any other form of imperialism will offer any solution. He believes that natural law will solve the problem and that from now onward a great decrease in population will be seen.

In the course of conversation with

a certain Britisher over the naval

armament reduction problem I

tried to make him understand that

the present strength of the Japanese

navy is maintained by the profes-

sional interest of the navy more

than by any logical conception of

the defence of the country against

Britain or America, still less by any

thought of ever challenging their

interest in the Pacific. For navy

men it is a question of living and

their unwillingness to reduce is

supported by the illogical inertia

of the past imperialism, which still

exists probably in the minds of a

large percentage of the people.

But all thinking men realize that

a naval war with Britain or

America would not only be fatal

to Japan but is logically unthink-

able. My British friend did not

seem to see the force of this

argument. He looked sceptical and

said: "But imperialism is im-

plicit in Japan's conditions," and

by that he meant mainly the over-

population of this country.

No liberal argument seems to be

strong enough to dispel this pre-

judice in the minds of foreigners.

They seem to take it almost as a

natural force. This is a race that

has shown such remarkable adap-

tability, progress and expansion in

the past half century and is still

increasing at the unprecedented

rate of 700,000 to 800,000 a year

in this small crowded country—what

other solution can nature offer but

imperialism?

Imperialism Hopeless.

I tried to convince him how we

think that there is no chance for

the success of imperialism. The

3-3-3 ratio is really a 10-3 ratio and

is not good enough even for a pur-

ely defensive purpose, which is for-

tunately not seriously expected.

"But look here," said my friend in

effect, "you have China. After

Britain and America are driven out

of it you have a tremendous oppor-

tunity for the trade exploitation of

that country and all the rest of

politics that go with it." I do not

know if this prospect may appear

menacing in the minds of foreigners

imagining the situation from the

distance. If the present Chinese

chaos eventually settle down to a

peaceful and orderly progress there

may be a brief period of expansion

of Japan's industrial interest in

China. Even that is very prob-

lematical. Even if there be such

brief period for Japan's advantage

it will be confined to capital in-

vestment and is a doubtful blessing

for the welfare of the Japanese

people at large. And it is certain

that very soon China will become

our chief industrial competitor.

She can compete with us in labour

force and in the production of

cotton textile and silk and other

cheap miscellaneous goods, which

are the characteristic products and

easily reproducible in China.

China And Japan.

How absurd is the foreign idea

of Japan's opportunity in China is

indicated by the suggestion still

made by some of them of giving

Japan a free hand in Manchuria.

Whether or not America or Britain

give it us we will have it if we

can. But we know that China her-

self will not give it to us and that

we can't take by occupation this

well-populated area of China, to

which we have been able to send less

than 200,000 people in the past 20

years.

My friend looked still sceptical

for he has in mind the incontrover-

sible evidence of Japan's over-

population. He seemed to take

the present increase of Japan's

population as a fixed natural ten-

dency. None of my previous argu-

ments was convincing to him but his

eyes beamed with interest when I

said that I expect to see an evidence

of the decreasing tendency of

Japan's population in the course

of the next ten years and that, for

30 years before the birth of

modern Japan the population of

this country stood stationary below

the 30,000,000 mark. Abortion and

infanticide were common in old

Japan and there was community

sanction for birth control or rather

community pressure for it. The

ground for this sanction or pressure

was, of course, economic and under

the same economic limitation birth

control will have again the same

community sanction and pressure

whatever the Government may say

or do. Indeed, such sanction and

pressure are already operative in

the form of private sentiment.

Until five years ago, we did not

read so much discussion of birth

control in our magazines. It is

now freely and generally advocated

and commented on in both men's

and women's magazines. And that

is the first sign of community sanc-

tion and pressure.

A Static Society.

Under the old feudal régime the

country was economically static.

Production was limited and un-

changeable. Without famine and

pestilence and other natural cal-

amities taking periodical toll of

lives production itself could have

maintained just so much population

and no more. Corresponding to

this economic condition the social

structure was static. Its units were

not individuals but families and

every profession was hereditary.

No other profession was open to

a man and he never dreamt of

changing his hereditary status. A

merchant only had a less inflexible

outlook because of the elasticity of

his business and profit. It is now

generally understood by our his-

torians that the economic basis of

the Meiji Restoration was the

growth of the wealth of the mer-

cantile class at the expense of the

samurai. But even merchants were

jealous of a new family in the same

trade being established in their com-

munity and there were strict guild

regulations about it.

The Birth Rate.

The static production of wealth

and the static social structure were

naturally cause and effect to limit

the population of the Tokugawa

era. Man is a social animal and I

think the social sentiment has as

much influence as physical limita-

tion on the birth rate of a race.

We know from living testimonies

that abortion and infanticide were

common in old Japan but we have

no means of knowing how generally

they were practised. It is quite

probable that the birth rate itself

under the influence of both physical

and psychological tendencies of the

age was low.

The phenomenal increase of the

population of this country in the

last half century is due to the rise

of modern industrialism and the

substitution of individualism and

free competition for the family

system of the feudal age. But this

change has now been completed and

it appears to have been completed

under the existing capitalist system

of production. The country is over-

capitalized and the standard of

living has risen. Under the man-

agement of the past half century

our natural wealth has been so ex-

ploited that nearly in all fields of

production we are facing the law

of diminishing returns and yet no

new method of production is in

sight. We have economically come

to a new limit that ought to

stabilize our population.

Static Once More.

And corresponding to this limita-

tion the social structure has also

become inflexible. What are in-

dividualism and free competition

good for when scarcely more than

20 per cent of university graduates

can get jobs of any kind and that

fortunate 20 per cent is elected by

favoritism rather than by merit

and every student before graduation

knows that it is pull rather than

his credit that counts in actual life.

It is a sad spectacle to see country

parents still believing in the effi-

ciency of education and mortgaging

their lands in order to have their

sons educated only to find them de-

pendent on their hands after

graduation or get so poor a job

that they have still to make re-

mittances to them. I have heard of

the practice of dismissing efficient

middle school teachers at 40 to 50

years of age on the pretext that

they do not hold a Mombusho

certificate but really in order to

make room for new graduates of

the normal schools that are being

turned out in increasing number.

Every official as soon as he reaches

the highest salary allowed to his

rank must be prepared for retire-

ment no matter how young and

competent he may be unless he has

a special pull. Japan is still a coun-

try of salary earners and their posi-

tion is now just as inflexible as was

the position of the samurai in the

feudal age.

Let the Government continue to

SEAMEN'S UNION.

TO BE RE-ORGANISED.

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION.

CANTON'S REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Chinese Seamen's Union, in Canton is to be reorganized under the supervision of the new régime in the Southern Capital. The reorganization committee consists of Chen Yuk Mui, Wong Yu Chee, Tseng Fei Hang, Ow Yuk, Yeung Chih Shang, Mak Lun, Lum Yam Shang, Choy Ilan Shau, Tao Tak, Ho Chuen, and others.

Many unions, belonging to the Kuomintang Workers' Delegate Conference, a "Red" organisation, are now seeking affiliation with the Central Labour Union, which has been "anti-Red" throughout.

All Kuomintang members in Canton have to make a declaration renouncing their allegiance to the Three People's Principles of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. After the declaration, persons found possessing documents or other evidence showing that they are friendly to the Soviet Mission will be arrested.

Canton militarists have ordered all Hankow newspapers to be excluded from Canton and only two of the Chinese papers published in Hong Kong are allowed free circulation there.

Reports from Chiang Kai Shek circles in Canton state that the "Reds" who have been occupying Shaukwan are moving towards Hunan, but before they went they took some \$100,000 from the Kuomintang Opium Sales Bureau. Since the departure of the "Reds," the People's Volunteer Corps at Shaukwan have appointed their commandant as the acting Magistrate of the district. The tracks on the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railway, which have been torn up in a number of places in order to impede the "anti-Red" expedition to the North from Canton, are being repaired, and according to information circulated by the Chiang militarists, regular service on the line between Wongsba and Shaukwan will be resumed within three days.

Authorities in Swatow are reporting to Canton that Swatow is now free of the "Red" menace.

The new radio station at East Parade Ground, Canton, which is said to be the most powerful in South China, will be formally opened this (Thursday) morning.

The militarists in Kwangtung in 1926 squandered altogether some \$72,862,000, or nearly three-fourths of the total contribution of the Cantonese who, in the year under review, paid more than one hundred million dollars towards the Kuomintang war chest. The Party during the year issued several series of war bonds, and some \$30,523,000 was realized for the Northern Expedition. Miscellaneous contributions from the Cantonese amounted to \$14,004,000. From the Customs surtaxes the Kuomintang succeeded in raising \$923,000. This was nominally for the support of the strikers but most of the money went to the militarists. From regular sources, the revenue of the Kuomintang in Canton was as follows:—

Salt Tax, \$9,871,000; Internal and Land Tax, \$946,000; Sales of Explosives, \$388,000; Wine and Tobacco, \$3,073,000; Stamp Duty, \$3,501,000; Farm Lands, \$3,822,000; Litter, \$13,403,000; Others than regular revenue, \$1,762,000; Miscellaneous Taxes, \$4,237,000.

Besides the military expenses which amounted to \$72,862,000 in 1926, the "Reds" paid public debts amounting to \$9,430,000. They spent \$1,226,000 for education. Administration expenses accounted for \$16,000,000.

There is some disagreement in Canton with regard to the disbanding of the men still unemployed as a result of the Hong Kong boycott. The military authorities want to pay the men off, for as they stand at present they form a useful backing to the Strike Committee who are spending \$10,000 daily on providing them with free board and lodging. The cost would

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MONEY TO BE SENT TO MACAO.

An amazing letter was sent to a local shipping company by three tongs of pirates, who have banded themselves together under the high sounding title of the "Liberation Federation." The letter took the form of a demand for \$20,000 for each of the steamers chartered by the company. The ships concerned are the *s.s. Tai Lee* and *s.s. On Lee*, on the Hong Kong-Kongmoon run and belong to the Sze Yap S.S. Co., but are now chartered by the Yee Lee Shipping Co., at Des Voeux Road Central, to whom the letter was sent.

The threatening missive was made out on a circular printed form from a wood cutting, and at the end is a chop surmounted by cross flags, with the names of the three tongs. The pirates also asked for 20 tons of the best Government opium.

Interviewed by our representative yesterday, the management of the Yee Lee S.S. Co. said that the letter was received on April 11th, and bore a Chinese stamp. In it the pirates requested that the sum of \$20,000 must be sent to them for each of the steamers named above, the money to be sent to them at a certain Chinese hotel at Macao. Failing to do so, the two steamers mentioned above would be pirated and all their crews killed. The pirates also suggested that a representative of the Yee Lee Co. should go to Macao to meet them and discuss the matter.

Asked by our reporter if there is any danger if the request were not complied with, the management of the company said that the danger was almost negligible as the steamers on entering inland waters at Whangmoon proceed in convoy and under Naval escort. These two vessels also come under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, which requires the provision of grilles, Indian guards and other defences.

The letter was immediately handed over to the Police Authorities here, who are now investigating the whole matter.

PIRATE JUNK CAPTURED.

STERN CHASE BY POLICE.

"LAT'NCH."

After a stern chase across the waters of So See Moon, four pirates were captured on Tuesday afternoon by Police launch No. 4. They were placed under arrest and brought back to the Colony and will be duly charged.

It appears that these four desperadoes met a trading junk at 11 a.m. on the same day. They opened rifle fire on her and compelled her to heave to. They then boarded the prize junk and collected booty valued at \$21. The pirates then made off in their own junk, and the victim was allowed to go on her way.

The pirated junk headed back to Hong Kong, but when nearing So See Moon, Police launch No. 4 sighted them. A report was at once made to the sergeant in charge of the launch, who decided to give chase. After about an hour of hard steaming, the Police launch came up to the pirates' vessel. The four pirates on seeing the approach of the Police launch made an attempt to dump all incriminating weapons overboard. They were eventually arrested and brought back to Hong Kong.

GOOSEWAIN'S MISHAP.

The coxswain of the Tai Koo Sugar Refinery's lighter *Sam Pat-yat* was on Tuesday taken to the hospital suffering from injuries received through falling into the hold during loading operations.

be \$35,000,000 and the militarists suggest a tax of three months rent on all landlords. The merchants quite agree with the disbanding policy but altogether object to the proposed method of doing it.

There is a good deal of disorder on all the railways operating from Canton owing to Red activities.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE WANCHAI SCANDAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—It was a pity "New Comer" did not put what he thought about Wanchai smells in plain English instead of wrapping it up in mild sarcasm.

Passing Bowrington creek at 9.30 p.m. last night I was nearly knocked over by the stench of sewage.

It cannot be healthy. It cannot be right for this thing to go on year after year.

The "powers that be," to their standing discredit take refuge behind the fact that the inhabitants of the district prefer the discomfort and risk of epidemics to the trouble of making a fuss.—Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.

April 27th.

TAXI-CABS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Several times within the past few months, we have read in the papers that a taxicab was on fire and that the Fire Brigade had to be summoned to quell the flames. This morning, we read, that a taxicab was completely burnt out, luckily, with no casualties as there were no passengers in it.

Isn't it about time, in the interest of public safety, that these old cabs should be "scrapped" and replaced with new ones?—Yours faithfully,

SAFETY FIRST.

Hong Kong, April 27th, 1927.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND A CHINESE CHURCH.

YESTERDAY'S V.D.A. MEETING.

"It seems to me that those who know the mission field of China are fully justified in looking ahead to a time when China will be free from the attentions of the Bolshevik agitator. The primary need will then be for trained leaders," said the Rev. W. W. Rogers at a meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Association yesterday in the Helena May Institute. The chairman was Mr. P. Cassidy.

Unless Christianity was to remain an exotic growth, added Mr. Rogers, it must be represented in China by a Chinese Church, Chinese controlled, Chinese supported and ministered to by trained Chinese workers.

Canton was making a mighty effort to rid herself of the Red element, and if she was successful, then what was known as the Anti-Christian movement would die a natural death. When this movement had collapsed, he was perfectly sure that the Missionary societies would be able to carry on their work.

"There is no stronger barrier against Bolshevism than that raised by Christianity," added the Rev. Rogers.

A short address was later given by the Rev. C. B. Shan.

EIGHT CHINESE AND FORTY PIGS.

AND A PIRACY AT THE BACK OF IT.

Eight Chinese and forty pigs formed the basis of a Court case heard before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning.

The men were charged with receiving the 40 pigs knowing them to have been stolen, or unlawfully obtained outside the Colony. The pigs were not produced in Court.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) appeared for the defence and applied for bail.

Inspector Dorling, in opposing bail, said that since the men were arrested, a report of a piracy had been received, and on this account, bail should be refused.

Mr. Lo submitted that evidence of a piracy would be inadmissible on a charge of receiving and that there were no justifiable grounds for refusing bail.

Sub-Inspector Dorling said that the evidence of the piracy would have to be given.

His Worship refused bail, the defendants all being remanded till Saturday.

NOT SO SIMPLE AS HE LOOKED.

THREE ROUGHS ROB NEWCOMER.

BUT QUACK DEALER GOES TO PRISON.

A Chinese who described himself as a dispenser of a panacea which will cure all the ills that ever came out from Pandora's Box, was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon with picking the pocket of a new-comer at Wing Lok Street on Sunday last and stealing \$31 in notes.

The complainant was a simple honest fellow and told a simple story which impressed the Magistrate, and the defendant told a very well concocted and plausible story, and enlisted the aid of a musician friend to bear him out. He also had the benefit of the assistance of Mr. W. B. Hind, but all his efforts to vindicate himself were of no avail.

The complainant arrived from Haiphong on Saturday night and after converting his foreign money, he had \$31 in Hong Kong notes which he placed on the breast pocket of his jacket. Chinese pockets are very shallow, and probably the ends of the notes were visible. Whatever might have been the cause, it did certainly tempt three "nifty fingered" fellows.

They wriggled their way to their prey; two to the left and one to the right. The victim was thus sandwiched. The man on the right gave him a shove against the two men on his left. The one nearest him, with a deft finger, at once extracted the roll of notes. But the victim was not so simple as he looked. He felt the movement, and at once seized hold of the man. This man, however, at once transferred the notes to the accomplice next him, who beat a hasty retreat.

The complainant was as tenacious as a bulldog, and would not let his victim escape him, even when a Chinese district watchman came on the scene, and he saw to it himself that the man was marched to the Police Station.

The defendant went into the witness box and told the Magistrate a plausible tale to the effect that he was an itinerant quack, going from place to place selling *Kop Yok*, which, according to the translation of the Court interpreter, meant medicinal plaster. On that eventful Sunday, he had come over from Yumati with a friend to see the sights of Hong Kong. He and his musician friend were walking along Connaught Road Central, and when rounding Wing Lok Street, he was all of a sudden seized by the complainant. He was so dumbfounded that he lost his faculty of speech for a time, and when he came to realise why he was held, his rage knew no bounds. He, like an honest citizen, turned his pockets inside out for his accuser to look at. "Now," said he, "you have found no money on me, and since you have defamed my old and honoured name, you will have to pay me damages." Arguments ensued and their brawling drew the attention of a district watchman, who took them both to the Police Station.

Defendant's companion, who said that he was a fiddler, corroborated but said that while his friend was arguing about damages with complainant, he stood aloof, and when they were marched to the Station, he only accompanied them half the way.

Major Willson said that he was impressed with the clearness of the complainant's story and sent the defendant to Victoria Gaol for two months.

A COLLECTION OF CHARGES.

A Chinese, was charged at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with burglary, returning from banishment and receiving stolen property.

The evidence was that during the night of April 18th-17th the Diocesan Boys' School at the corner of Prince Edward Road was broken into and property to the value of \$33 was stolen. On the early morning of April 18th the police visited 93, Cremer Street, Tai Kok Tsui, where they found the defendant sleeping in the cockloft. Several articles were found in the man's possession which were known to have been stolen from the school.

The Magistrate (Mr. W. Schofield) remanded defendant for two days in order to obtain medical information on his condition. It was stated that the defendant had suffered from hemorrhage.

STREET 'OUTRAGES' IN SINGAPORE.

TWO CHINESE KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED.

"A REIGN OF TERROR."

SINGAPORE, April 26th.

Singapore, as far as a part of the population is concerned, is undergoing a reign of terror at the hands of Chinese gunmen. Yesterday we published several instances of cold blooded murder and to-day two other cases are reported.

The most serious took place at 7.30 last night on Park Road near the new Eu Tong Sen theatre which is in course of construction.

Four men believed to be Cantonese opened fire on a body of Chinese, five of whom were wounded.

After shooting, the men took to their heels running down Havelock Road. When they neared Pulo Saigon a police constable who did not know that they were armed, or that they had committed any wrongful act, was suspicious and raised his arms in an attempt to stop at least one of them.

Constable Injured.

Another of the party immediately fired at him the bullet inflicting a slight wound on his right leg. Being without arms the constable was unable to arrest any of the men who got clean away.

One of the victims of this affray died on admission to Hospital.

It is significant that in a case reported yesterday it was known that four men were concerned, and it seems not improbable that the same gang is responsible for all of these murderous acts.

A further case, which resulted in the solitary victim being shot dead by gunmen, occurred in broad daylight in North Bridge Road near the Surina Theatre yesterday about one o'clock.

Shot At Short Range.

No less than six Chinese came up behind a solitary pedestrian, each firing a shot into him at short range. He fell dead on the five-foot way. In this case also the gunmen got clean away and no arrests have been effected.

A Chinese carpenter was shot in the stomach by armed men at the junction of South Bridge Road and Ann Siang Hill about 7.30 on Sunday night. He was unable to give the police any information regarding his assailants.

Armed Robbery Charge.

In the Second Court this morning before Mr. H. R. Bull a Chinese was charged with armed robbery of \$1,000.

The complainant, a Chinese tow-kay, was riding in a ricksha along Victoria Street at noon yesterday, when the accused came up and brandishing a revolver forced the complainant to hand over the money and ran away.

An Arab who was passing in a motor car gave chase caught the accused and took him to a police station, where it was found that besides being in possession of a revolver he had ten rounds of ammunition. The case was postponed. —*Straits Times*.

TRESPASSERS BIRCHED.

CAUGHT IN THE COMPOUND OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Caught in the compound of Queen's College, two Chinese boys were charged with trespassing before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

The offenders were discovered by the caretaker after 6 p.m. on Tuesday when the younger boy was standing on the shoulder of his elder companion, in an attempt to climb the water spout to reach the first floor. On being questioned, they said that one of the students had kicked their ball into the first floor and that they were trying to get it back.

The caretaker threatened to take them in charge, but the elder boy said sulkily that he had left "a piece of hair from his cat at the Police Station." This racy idiom conveyed that he had been in and out of the Station so often that the hair fallen from his legs had accumulated there.

His Worship ordered the elder youth to receive eight strokes of the birch and the younger one to get six strokes.

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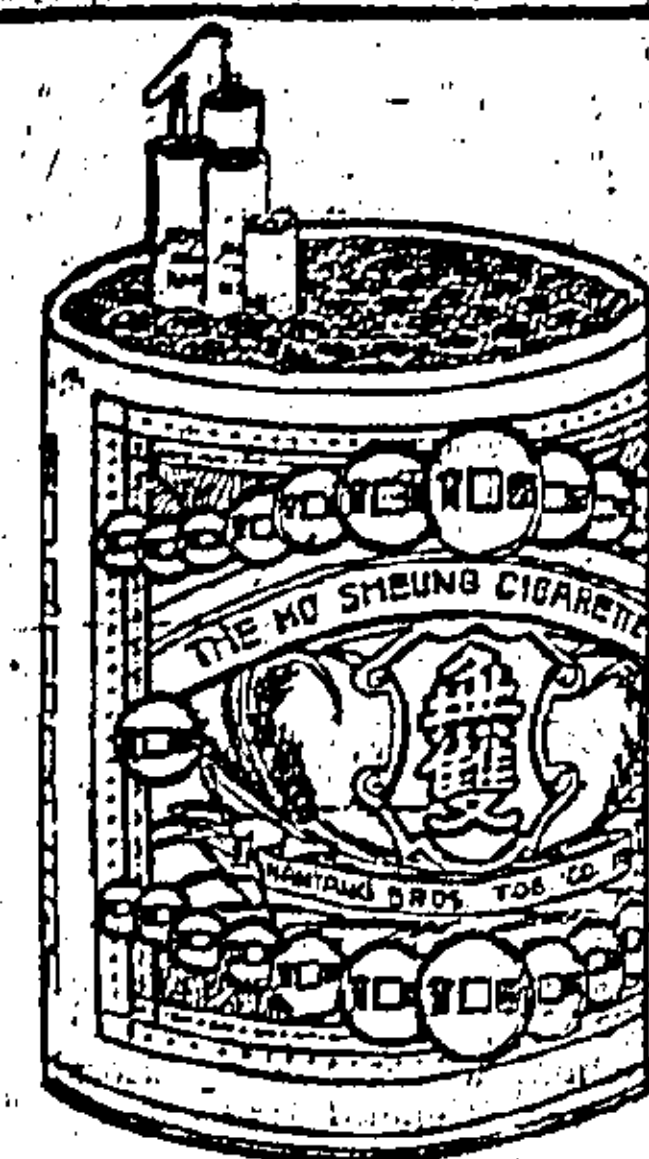
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[4352]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th
AT 3.15 P.M.

ADMISSION TO PUBLIC ENCLOSURE—\$1.00.
LADIES FREE.

ADMISSION to Subscribers' Enclosure on Production of Badge only.

Subscriber can introduce Two Ladies Free and Two Non-Members at \$5.00 each. Tickets obtainable from A. H. PUTTS, c/o BENTLEY & FORBES.

SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVE KOWLOON 2.7. Return Fare, 1st Class \$1.50; 2nd, 90 cents. Free Parking for Car off the Course: \$5.00 Each if Parked Opposite the Stand. [4348]

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC MEETING 1927.

TO BE HELD ON THE

UNITED SERVICES RECREATION GROUND, KOWLOON,
MAY 5TH AND 6TH.

OPEN EVENTS:—

6th MAY.

ONE MILE FLAT RACE—Timed for 3.10 P.M.

ONE MILE RELAY RACE—Timed for 5.00 P.M. (200, 440, 880, 320 Yds. Teams of 4).

OPEN TO THE ROYAL NAVY, EUROPEAN GARRISON (including Hong Kong Volunteers Defence Corps), Hong Kong Police, and British Residents.

Sports to commence at 2 P.M. Each Day [4356]

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

STAND COURT.

SUBJECT TO Weather Conditions the following is the Proposed Programme:—

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL: Red Ticket.—SEMI-FINAL OPEN DOUBLES.

Yew Man Tuk & Yew Man Kit

T. HONDA & H. AKIYAMA.

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL: White Ticket.—SEMI-FINAL OPEN DOUBLES.

H. D. & S. A. HEMMANS.

J. A. CAMERON & L. M. BALACK.

MONDAY, 2nd MAY: Blue Ticket.—SEMI-FINAL OPEN SINGLES.

No Six Kwong & H. D. BURNARD.

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY: Yellow Ticket.—SEMI-FINAL OPEN DOUBLES.

T. HONDA & S. A. BURNARD.

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY: Thursday, 5th MAY: FINALS, DOUBLES & SINGLES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RESERVED SEATS for SEMI-FINALS may now be booked at Messrs. MOULTON & CO. Price: \$1.00 Each. [4359]

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. BROWN, TOWN & CO., 21, George Street, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926, and of electing a Standing Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th APRIL, 1927, to 7th MAY, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers,
H. B. STURT,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th April 1927. [4367]

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GOVERNMENT MILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the Local Commission of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 o'clock A.M. on the 28th APRIL, 1927.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT MILLS, ETC."

The rights to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 23 George III, Cap. 43 and 41, George III, Cap. 53, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.

H. G. RILEY, Lieut-Colonel,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hong Kong, 27th April, 1927. [4361]

HONG KONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUBS in Membership are Reminded that all Suggested Additions, Alterations or Amendments to Rules of the above League must be sent in to the Undersecretary Not Later THAN MAY 1st in accordance with League Rule 25.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

THE CLOSING CRUISE will take place on SATURDAY, APRIL 30th. First Race from CLUB HOUSE, NOON FURT at 3 P.M.

All Friends of Members will be Welcome at the CLUB HOUSE.

Launches for Members and the Public will Leave STATUS Pier every 15 Minutes from 3 P.M. until 3 P.M. Launches will be available for the Return Journey.

Championship and other Trophies won during the Season will be presented during the AFTERNOON.

F. J. RASTERBROOK,
Hon. Secretary.
R.H.Y.C.
28th April, 1927. [4351]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING.

ADDITION TO PROGRAMME.

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FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

NOTICE.

THE POSTPONED EASTER MEETING OF THE FANLING HUNT will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 30th.

There will also be a MEETING on MAY 24th (EMPIRE DAY). [4798]

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 28th APRIL, 1927, at 4 P.M., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1)—To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.
- (2)—To elect a new Committee.
- (3)—To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927. [4360]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersecretary on THURSDAY, the 17th MAY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MAY, 1927. Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927. [4340]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. D. O. RUSSELL has been appointed CHAIRMAN of Local Committee and also JOINT SECRETARY with Mr. FRANK GOODWIN, Acting Manager, for this Company during the absence on leave of Mr. W. L. PAT. TENDEN.

By Order of the Directors,
L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer and Manager.
[4343]

NOTICE.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. FRANK GOODWIN has been appointed ACTING MANAGER of the above Company, with Co-POWER of ATTORNEY, during my absence on leave.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer and Manager.
[4343]

G. E. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 2nd DAY OF MAY, 1927, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Lands, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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BIRTH.

PHILLIPS.—On April 21st, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. PHILLIPS, Kiangnan Dock, a son.

DEATHS.

BEACH.—On April 20th, at Shanghai, ENITA BEACH, aged two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. BEACH.

SCHAUERTE.—On April 21st, at Shanghai, AUGUST HEINRICH SCHAUERTE.

Hong Kong Office: 11, Chater Rd. London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, APRIL 28th, 1927.

COMMUNITY SINGING.

There has been no movement in England for many years so remarkable as the effort to popularise what is called Community Singing. So far as we can ascertain no originality is claimed for it; as a matter of fact we doubt whether it can be considered as anything more than the revival of a long lost art which was widely practised in bygone centuries. It would not be surprising to find, if the historical records were consulted, that in the Middle Ages when England was supposed to be "Merry England" the country people loved nothing better than to foregather on the village greens for the sheer delight of raising their voices in song. The Community Singing movement may, therefore, be no more than an effort to restore an agreeable custom which has been lost in the passage of the years, and owing to the changes from the pastoral customs of centuries that followed upon the Industrial Revolution.

The annual meeting of the China Underwriters, Ltd., is to be held at St. George's Building on Saturday, May 7th, at 11.30 a.m.

In aid of the funds of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, a jumble sale is being held at the City Hall to-morrow, beginning at 3.30 p.m.

Henry Lewis, a student living at No. 8, Outlaw Street, reports that a burglar entered his room between 5 and 10 p.m. on Tuesday and stole jewellery worth \$115.

Passengers departing for Home on Tuesday by the s.s. *Amone*, included Colonel and Mrs. H. C. Jewett, Dr. H. el Arculli, Mr. A. el Arculli and Miss J. el Arculli.

In its present manifestation the Community Singing which has captured the country dates from last Summer, when a few ardent souls, inspired by a laudable desire to promote the happiness of the greatest number, and give expression to the joys of life, started the movement in London. They appeared in the luncheon hour near St. Martin's Church in Trafalgar Square. The young clerks and girl typists from offices round about, strolling casually by, caused for a space, to listen to the old songs that used to "make the welkin ring" in Stuart days. The words and music captivated those who listened, and the crowd, speedily losing any self-conscious feeling, responded to the invitation to join in the choruses. Thus Community Singing began, and in the months that have elapsed since then it has spread from London all over the country so that it is now usual to find it introduced at public meetings and at all sorts of gatherings to enable the audience to fill up an interval. They form themselves into impromptu choirs and sing most lustily, the ballads in praise of love and war and love of country which so nobly enrich English poetry.

No doubt the popular attitude to this form of expression was influenced by the group singing of British soldiers in the war in England and overseas. On the march and in camp singing in unison helped to banish thoughts of stern realities. That is why, perhaps, in all wars soldiers have always been known to indulge in joyous refrains. To religion, also, must be accorded credit for fostering Community Singing; for what else is the singing of psalms and hymns of praise in countless churches but Community Singing? It is true that in some places of worship there has been a tendency to rob church congregations of their chance—and, we believe, of a deep-seated love—of singing by giving almost a monopoly of vocalism to the choir.

That tendency is being ended in England, while it was never permitted in the Nonconformist chapels. The very last admonition in the Psalms of David is to "let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord."

The movement, therefore, has everything to recommend it to the widest possible acceptance. Singing in chorus is in a sense singing in harmony, and everybody knows that England in these days which have brought up so many post-war problems can do with any and every effort to increase that blessed quality. The growth of singing by the general public will, we hope, continue to extend if only for the reason that it must tend towards a healthier frame of mind, to say nothing of the invigorating and health-giving physical exercise which singing contains. The wonderful popularity of Community Singing seems to suggest that many a heart has been awaiting opportunity to rejoice in this way. Perhaps in time we shall get away from any excuse for the poet's lament, "Alas for those that never sing, but die with all their music in them."

The death occurred at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of Mr. Alexander McEwan, late Chief Engineer of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. He was 78 years of age, and had not been in good health for some time. He was born at Allon, Scotland, on September 7th, 1849, and in 1872 he came to China with the Pacific Navigation Co., of London, and in 1876 joined the staff of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., in the employ of which he remained for 23 years, retiring in 1902. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

Sub-Inspector A. Nicoll, traffic police, Kowloon, is going on Home leave to-day by the s.s. *Amone*. He is making the journey via America. During his absence his deputy, A. W. Smith, will be acting Sub-Inspector.

As a result of a savage beating a little Chinese boy was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the legs. The boy's step-mother, who is alleged to have administered the chastisement, is under arrest.

Mr. E. W. Latic, agent in Manila of the Columbia Pacific S.S. Co., left Hong Kong on Tuesday after a very brief stay here. He came up by the *President McKinley* on Sunday and sailed on the *President Jefferson* for Manila.

St. Peter's Young Men's Club are holding a social at the Cathedral Hall next Wednesday evening, beginning at 8.45, the proceeds going for Club funds. The programme will include instrumental items, guessing competition, recitations by Mrs. M. M. Maher and Mr. W. Urquhart, and songs by Mrs. Sayer. There will also be refreshments.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce takes place this afternoon at the City Hall, beginning at four o'clock. The report and accounts for the past year will be presented, and a new Committee elected. Apart from the Chairman's and seconded's speeches, there will also be an address by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) who, as stated yesterday, has accepted an invitation from the Chamber to be present at the meeting.

Many Service men were included in the audience at the Seamen's Institute last night when a most enjoyable entertainment was provided by Mrs. C. Russell Brown and her very capable company of artistes styled the "Squeakettes." The "Squeakettes" have previously appeared on several occasions before Hong Kong audiences, and it is, therefore, unnecessary to say more than that their versatile entertainment, given in their own inimitable style, was very heartily enjoyed.

In addition to the programme already published in connection with the third extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, May 7th, there has been added Race No. 44, the K.O.S.B. Subalterns Cup—four furlongs. This race is for China ponies, the private property of subalterns of the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and they will be ridden by officers of the regiment. Catchweights are 168 lbs., and post entries will be accepted.

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During a fracas between three coolies at the Western Market, a discharged coolie of the Sanitary Department drew a knife and slashing at complainants wounded them both. He was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday and was fined \$15 with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour. He was also ordered to pay compensation of \$5 to each of the complainants. All parties were bound over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

NEW ORLEANS IN DANGER.

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD'S DESTRUCTIVE COURSE.

DYNAMITING TO BE RESORTED TO.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEMPHIS, April 27th.

The crest of the Mississippi flood is still near here, but within a day or two, it will be endangering the lives and property of the beautiful city of New Orleans unless drastic steps are taken. Consequently, the Governor of Louisiana has appealed to the Secretary of War at Washington for permission to dynamite the embankments below New Orleans, as the overflow would then inundate many square miles of farmlands.

Excited farmers are already patrolling the embankments armed with guns to keep off dynamiters; but if the Federal Government grants permission those persons whose property is flooded will be compensated for the losses to the extent of several million dollars, which would be much less than the damage to New Orleans would otherwise be.

2,000 Feet Break Ordered.

NEW ORLEANS, April 27th.

The Governor of Louisiana has declared the existence of a State of Emergency, and has ordered an artificial break in the embankment near Poydras, on the outskirts of the city at noon on Friday. The break will be 2,000 feet wide, sufficient to lower the river three feet at New Orleans.

The action is approved by the War Department and the Mississippi River Commission, and the entire Louisiana Guard has been ordered to assist and deal with any armed opposition.

It is expected that New Orleans will assume liability for the damage done.

K.O.S.B. CORPORALS.

HOLD DANCE AT R. E. THEATRE.

The dance held last evening at the Royal Engineers Theatre, Wellington Barracks, by the Corporals of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, proved most successful and enjoyable. Over 200 were present, and the dance programme was of a most varied and pleasing character, including the usual waltz, fox-trot and one-step numbers, also a number of Scottish National dances.

The K.O.S.B. Band provided the dance orchestra, and pipers played for the Scottish dances.

The function was attended by Col. L. C. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commanding the Battalion) and Mrs. Comyn, and there were also present all the officers of the Battalion.

Lady Clementi, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., etc., G.O.C., South China Command) and Mrs. Luard were unable to attend, and sent expressions of regret to this effect.

While driving his motor-cycle along Salisbury Road, Kowloon, yesterday morning about 8.45, Mr. A. J. Reeves, of the Naval Dockyard, in order to avoid a rickshaw swerved his machine. In doing so it ran into a lamp standard at the junction of Han-kow Road and Salisbury Road. The machine was damaged to the extent of \$100. Fortunately, no one was injured.

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HANKOW EXTREMISTS ALARMED.

WHAT THE "TIMES" THINKS OF AMERICA'S CHINA POLICY.

WUHAN CITIES ENTRENCHING. FEAR FENGTIEN INVASION.

HOUSE OF COMMONS AND CHINA.

Hankow extremists and those in the other, Wuhan cities are openly alarmed at the probable impending invasion of Northern troops, and are entrenching themselves strongly.

Particulars regarding the state of affairs at Hankow General Post Office reveal deplorable conditions, "mountains of mail" being neglected.

The Nationalist Government at Nanking is now functioning, and two important posts have just been filled. Another General—one from the province of Kiangsi—has just announced his allegiance to the new Government and to Chiang Kai Shek.

The *Times*, in a leading article, comments on Washington's piling-up of "reasons for hesitation" as indicated in President Coolidge's speech with regard to China, and expresses the opinion that the American warships' fire at Nanking was the clearer voice of America.

DEFENCE OF THE WUHAN CITIES.

"REDS" AND THE FENG-TIENITES.

DIGGING TRENCHES BEHIND HANKOW.

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS AT THE G.P.O.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 28th.

Measures for the defence of the Wuhan cities have been speeded up remarkably in the last two days, particularly in and around Hankow and Wuchang. Field guns are being moved up in large numbers to specified positions, and the labour corps have been engaged in digging trenches behind the native cities at Hankow and Hanyang.

It would appear that the Southerners anticipate an attack by the Fengtien troops shortly, and the military activity is significant in view of the report that the Nationalist Armies on the Honan front have refused to fight and are retreating rapidly before the North-erners.

Meanwhile the extremist element in Hankow is showing signs of extreme nervousness regarding the safety of their positions.

Although the Japanese have announced their intention of opening their godowns, closed since the riots, it is understood that this is only for the purpose of clearing the cargoes at present contained therein. The godowns open tomorrow.

The Japanese community of Chungking have been evacuated and they are on their way down river in a steamer, accompanied by a Japanese gunboat.

SHANGHAI, April 27th.

A Hankow report of the 21st instant says that the Government telegraph officials have cancelled the R.T.P. (Receiver to Pay) press privileges, compelling payment in advance. Correspondents are weighed down by the load of metal they are now compelled to carry as silver dollars is the only currency accepted.

Mountains of mail are lying at the Post Office and tired censors are finding it less fatiguing and equally effective in suppressing the counter revolutionary propaganda to stop delivery of mails altogether, than to go through the masses of letters.

Twenty-one sacks of Japanese incoming mail were seized to-day by the Political Bureau. All express letters are being confiscated and absolutely no news-matter is allowed to enter the port. Foreigners no longer use the Post Office, but are forwarding letters in the care of travelling friends.

British Consul-General's Order.

The British Consul-General has ordered the evacuation of all male British residents in the city, who have not absolutely essential work to do.

LATER.

SHANGHAI, April 27th.

A wireless message from Hankow of the 28th inst. mentions field pieces being moved to selected positions outside the native cities of Hankow and Hanyang. The significance of this is not clear, but it is reported that the Southern troops on the Honan front have refused to fight. The extreme elements in Hankow appear to be nervous as to their position.

THE YANGTZE.

THE ATTACK ON PUKOW.

FOREIGNERS MOLESTED AT WUHU.

SHANGHAI MERCHANTS TO HELP MARSHAL CHIANG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, April 26th.

The aeroplanes which hovered over Pukow yesterday obviously went up for observation purposes, for to-day the Nationalist guns on Lion Hill opened up an intensive fire on certain points in Pukow. Large fires broke out in the course of the day.

In addition, Southern cruisers went up river and engaged the Northern guns which occupy a commanding position about seven miles above Nanking.

The Chinese authorities have now issued a proclamation prohibiting the looting of the International Export Company's premises.

WUHU, April 26th.

The local authorities are becoming increasingly turbulent judging by the events of yesterday. A number of foreigners were endeavouring to land, but they were prevented by armed sentries. For some reason the foreigners were refused access unless they went singly.

The Senior Naval Officer has lodged an emphatic protest.

Wuhu was almost denuded of troops to-day, there being a general exodus down river for an unknown destination.

SHANGHAI, April 26th.

As far as is possible with the restrictions imposed at the barricades, Shanghai is gradually returning to normality, tension having relaxed considerably. The city is very quiet.

It is reported that two waggons containing 200 cases of shells left the Kiangnan Arsenal yesterday for Chinkiang.

It is also reliably reported that the bankers in the native city have granted Marshal Chiang Kai Shek a loan of \$6,000,000 on the security of the Customs surtaxes, and, moreover, have promised a further \$10,000,000 at a later date.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

H.M.S. "Cockshaler" Fired On.

SHANGHAI, April 27th.

H.M.S. "Cockshaler" was fired on 13 miles above Chinkiang yesterday and replied.

Captain Caradoc, who was stopped by a sentry at Wuhu, has received an apology.

THE NANKING NOTE.

CAUSE OF THE DELAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 28th.

The Ministers of the five Powers again met this morning, and while no official pronouncement is made, it seems generally agreed that America is preventing anything definite being done as regards Nanking.

It is suggested in certain quarters that in view of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's supposed moderate attitude, the Powers should await developments, but most foreigners here are of opinion that a delay would merely mean a repetition of the events of Nanking elsewhere, sooner or later, possibly at Peking or Tientsin.

Referring to China, the President declared that the main difficulty was the protection of American lives and property. After alluding to the events at Nanking, he said that Americans most deeply sympathized with China in her distress. American friendship for China had become proverbial. They had no disposition to do otherwise than assist and encourage every legitimate aspiration for unity and freedom.

They did not wish to pursue any course of aggression against the Chinese people. They were there to prevent aggression against Americans; and while they would maintain the dignity of their Government and insist upon proper respect of their authority, their actions would always be those of a friend, solicited for the well-being of the Chinese people.

THE PRESIDENT ON CHINA.

President Coolidge, in the course of his speech on the foreign policy of the United States at the annual dinner of the United Press, emphasized that America was trying to promote a world-wide policy of peace and goodwill, based on a better understanding through justice and fair dealing.

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CHIANG KAI SHEK TO ENLIST FILIPINOS.

WANTS 25 EX-OFFICERS OF NATIONAL GUARD.

General Chiang Kai Shek, in a confidential communication sent to a well-known Chinese in Manila, asks the services of twenty-five ex-officers of the Philippine National Guard as instructors in the National army, according to *El Debate*. This paper does not wish to divulge the name of General Chiang's friend in Manila, stating that the revelation of his identity might obstruct him in his work of recruiting the twenty-five officers.

Prominent Chinese in Manila says *El Debate*, believe that this demand for twenty-five National Guard officers is due to the fact that previous to the drive against Peking, more training camps will be opened by the Nationalists. The officers will serve as instructors in these training camps.

The paper confirms the news published sometime ago that Major Vicente Barroa, a Filipino graduate of West Point, is now a colonel in General Chiang's army, serving as an instructor.

DOLLAR LINERS EAR-MARKED.

TO BE USED AS U.S. TRANSPORTS IF NECESSARY.

A United Press message to the *Manila Times*, dated Washington, April 19th states—All Dollar Line ships in the Pacific were made available for use in the event of a military emergency, by official act to-day.

The United States Shipping Board authorized the Dollar Co. to divert any of its steamships from their regular schedules for the purpose of facilitating the movement of troops toward China. The same rule applies to the evacuation of American citizens from China if such action becomes essential.

This action was taken after a conference between Dollar Line officials and members of the shipping board, the latter being under instructions from the administration.

"RED" GOLD.

SOVIET PAY \$10,000,000 TO THE KUOMINTANG.

RUSSIAN OPINION OF CANTONESE GENERALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 27th.

The Police to-night issued a statement declaring that accountants have carefully examined the books of the Dai Bank, which were seized in the recent raid, and were in perfect order.

They reveal that in 1926/27 the Soviet Government paid over \$10,000,000 in support of the Cantonese military and anti-foreign movements. The money was paid largely through the military attacks at Peking.

The Police point out that it is thus overwhelmingly proved that the Soviet Government was the main support of the Nationalists. Complete lists of arms and munitions supplied by the Soviet have also been discovered, and it is further revealed that the Soviet insisted on Russian representation on all Cantonese councils.

Soviet letters have been discovered declaring that the Cantonese Generals were slowly and utterly lacking in knowledge of staff work and strategy, and that they must have Russian advisers in order to succeed in the campaign.

Words Or Action?

LONDON, April 28th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question as regards the documents seized in the Peking Legation Quarter, Mr. Locker Lampson said he was unable to state, until the documents had been examined, what action the Government will consider desirable to take in the matter.

Mr. J. C. Davidson (Conservative) asked whether Mr. Lampson was aware that an official resume issued stating that care need not be taken of British subjects in mob violence because the British Government was not likely to do anything but issue words, whereas Japan was the most likely to use force.

Mr. Lampson replied that he had seen various Press reports, but was awaiting authentic information.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND CHINA.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY MR. LOCKER LAMPSON.

COST OF THE SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Romey, April 28th.

Mr. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, gave a resume of the situation in China, in reply to questions in Parliament.

He said: "Military operations between Northern and Southern forces are for the moment at a standstill. The northward advance of the Southern forces beyond the Yangtze has been checked, and they have been driven back over the Yangtze in the region of Nanking by forces of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, which have now reappeared and taken part in the operations."

The Northern troops have not, however, crossed the Yangtze. The Yangtze is for the moment the boundary between the Northern and Southern territory, except at Hankow where Southern troops still occupy the country north of the river.

Nationalist Bank's Division.

Meanwhile, a serious division has appeared in Nationalist ranks. General Chiang Kai Shek, Nationalist Commander-in-Chief, has been dismissed from his post and has repudiated the authority of the extremist Hankow Government, which is under strong Communist influence. He has the support of the more moderate elements of the Kuomintang, some of whom have joined him at Nanking where he is reported to be setting up a government of his own.

The Hankow authorities have been placed in serious financial difficulties by the defection of Chiang Kai Shek, by cutting off their communications with Shanghai and Canton and by the cessation of foreign business owing to the disturbed conditions and the lack of security either for life or for property. They now control only a relatively small area in Central China around Hankow and the civil and military authorities in the Lower Yangtze area along the coast are, for the moment at any rate, on the side of Chiang Kai Shek. Chiang Kai Shek has not yet made any military move against Hankow but he has taken action against the extremists in the area under his control.

Raid Against "Reds."

Anti-Communist raids have been carried out by Nationalist forces of Shanghai, Soochow, Wushih, Hangchow, Ningpo, Swatow and Canton. Recent telegrams from treaty ports show that the Yangtze Valley still remains the chief area of disturbances and that elsewhere, in both North and South China, the situation is momentarily quiet. In the Yangtze region a state of turmoil persists and neither life nor property of foreigners is secure. The British communities in the Upper Yangtze area have had to be evacuated. The British Consulates at Chengtu, Chungking, Ichang and Changsha have been closed and British gunboats withdrawn from those ports.

The United States, Japanese and French communities have also withdrawn. At Hankow only about 200 British subjects and about 75 Americans, mostly men, still remain and these are concentrated for safety either on board ship or in houses on the river front. The British warships *Carlisle*, *Vindictive*, *Kepel* and *Wolsey* have arrived to reinforce the British naval forces already in the port. Most of the Japanese community have also been evacuated. The Japanese are holding their concession in force and have landed field guns. They are refusing to resume trade until security is established. The situation is very tense and large numbers of the better class of Chinese are leaving the port.

Flight Of British At Treaty Ports.

At Hankow, Nanking and Chinkiang the British Consuls have had to establish themselves on board ship and at two latter ports such British subjects as still remain are also living on board and are unable even to go ashore. As regards foreign property the position is no better. Few steamers are running on the river and are continually fired on, even if they are conveyed by men-of-war and in spite of retaliation by the latter. Foreign property at Nanking has continued to be looted since the incident of a month ago.

The latest reports, however, show some improvement. Troops appear to be under better control and looting has decreased. All Communists have left or have been arrested and an anti-Communist proclamation has been posted in the name of Chiang Kai Shek.

At Wuhu most of the foreign buildings have been occupied by Southern troops. At Chinkiang on April 26th advance troops of the First Nationalist Army, on their arrival commandeered all foreign buildings in the concession as well as the British Consulate for billets for the troops, which were expected to arrive from Nanking. Later, however, as the result of the local military commander's representations to General Chiang Kai Shek, the latter ordered troops not to enter the concession and advance troops all evacuated the Consulate and concession. Shanghai, itself, is quiet although trade is stagnant.

Hong Kong Trade Reviving.

On the other hand, reports from Hong Kong show that in South China British trade is again reviving. The demand for British goods is growing and coasting trade is on the whole satisfactory.

Shanghai Defence Force Cost.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, stated that the additional cost of the Shanghai Defence Force to the Army Funds up to March 31st last was estimated at \$250,000. He was unable to give later figures, but the cost of transporting additional troops recently despatched to China was estimated at a quarter of a million.

Mr. Locker Lampson stated that he had been notified that documents implicating the Soviet Government in anti-British propaganda had been seized in the Legation Quarter at Peking by the Chinese authorities. Until, however, those documents had been thoroughly examined he was unable to say what action the British Government would consider it desirable to take.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Questions In The Commons.

LONDON, April 28th.

The House of Commons assembled in a very tranquil spirit since the Easter recess, and there were no signs of the expected stormy times ahead when the Trades Union Bill comes up for debate.

Sir L. Worthington Evans at question time said that the additional cost to the Army Funds of the Shanghai Defence Force, up to March 31st, was estimated at \$250,000. The balance of transport charges incurred prior to March 31st were payable in the current financial year, and amount to \$200,000. The cost of transport of the additional troops recently sent to China was estimated at \$250,000. He regretted he was unable to give a weekly estimate of the cost of the force.

Further Details.

Mr. Locker Lampson said the Powers having military forces in China had not established a special joint negotiating body. Reviewing the situation on China he referred to the split in the ranks of the Nationalists, and reiterated that it had always been the policy of His Majesty's Government to maintain strict neutrality.

The Government was at present discussing whether to make a further reply to Mr. Eugene Chen's Note, or take other steps in the matter.

The Foreign Secretary had not received any report or complaint from the Soviet Consul in Shanghai that no letters or telegrams had been allowed to reach the Consulate.

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BRITISH BUDGET.

THE TEA AND TYRE DUTIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, April 28th.

The House of Commons by 258 to 143, has rejected a Labour amendment to reduce the tea duty from four pence to a penny a pound, and passed a resolution by 250 to 140 to continue the present duty.

Mr. Churchill pointed out that the Government was not only unable to accept the amendment, but also there was no prospect of a reduction of the duty next year.

By 206 to 125 the House passed a resolution in favour of a 33 1/3 per cent. duty on imported motor tyres.

CHEMICAL WARFARE.

NATIONS OPPOSED TO IT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Geneva, April 26th.

The Disarmament Committee has reached complete unanimity as regards the article on chemical warfare.

"The high contracting parties undertake to abstain from the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or similar gases, and all analogous liquids, substances or processes, and also undertake to abstain from the use of all bacteriological methods of warfare, and abstain from any preparation in peace time for the above-stated methods of warfare, and not permit the exportation or manufacture in their territory or substances useable in chemical or bacteriological warfare if such importation, export, or manufacture is for such purpose."

The sentence referring to peace time preparation was inserted at the instance of the Germans.

RETIRED AT 103.

HOME BREWED ALE AIDS LONGEVITY.

NOTTINGHAM.

Mr. George Cant, of Bakewell, Le-Yale, Nottinghamshire, who began work ninety-six years ago at a penny a day, will retire tomorrow at the age of 103, says a London paper recently to hand.

He has been a carrier, a farmer, and, of recent years, a gardener. Last year he decided that the work of managing livestock was too hard for a man of 102, so he sold the stock, and confined his activities to garden produce.

Work, freedom from worry, and homebrewed ale are, according to Mr. Cant, the essentials of longevity.

He was always taught by his mother to take his holidays economically, and, when Nottingham Goose Fair came round each year, she gave him half a day off and twopenny to have a good time. "And," he remarked, "it was plenty."

Mr. Cant will be tended in his retirement by his daughter, who has been his companion all her life. His oldest son is a schoolmaster, Mr. William Walker, of Nottingham, who, at the age of 105, takes a fatherly interest in his young friend.

Soldiers' Families.

LONDON, April 28th.

The accommodation for wives of soldiers at present serving in China was the subject of a question in the House of Commons.

In reply, Sir L. Worthington Evans said that so far as was possible, such families were left undisturbed in the married quarters, but in some cases they had had to quit to make room for the families of relieving units. In such cases the outgoing families made their own arrangements, but were granted a lodging allowance, or if they preferred it were found alternative quarters.

Another British Transport.

GIBRALTAR, April 28th.

The transport *City of Poona* has passed through the Straits of Gibraltar on route to China.

[The *City of Poona* is bringing two batteries of Royal Field Artillery.]

RACING NOTES.

(By RAPIER.)

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING.

The entries for the above meeting on Saturday, May 7th, are given below. They are unusually good and it will be seen that the Macao Race Club have entered several ponies.

The K.O.S.B.'s are blessed with a keen riding crowd of Officers and I am glad to see that they have a race of their very own in the programme. I cannot help thinking, however, that the venue for this race should have been over the sticks at Kwant. The Hong Kong Jockey Club enters primarily for flat racing and the money sunk in ponies and prizes produces an atmosphere which must be alien to the spirit of the race in question.

Race No. 1—Colonial Stakes: 5 Furlongs.

Mr. Luen Yick, Macao Beauty; Mr. U-Un, Leaf (late Four-Nought-Three); Mr. K.H., Loongwa; Mr. Yam Man, Dick Lo; Mr. Dynasty, King of Troy, and King of the Plains; Mr. R. J. Paterson, The Regent; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Tangle, Loch Tummel and Loch Rannoch; Mrs. Priestley, Grande del Norte; Mr. Eve, Battle Eve; Mr. Hau-Un, Little Sit Tang (late Romeo, late Flash); Dr. J. C. Macgown, Sunburst Rose; Mr. R. M. Austin, Home Call; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego, Messrs. Hall and Shenton, Saligia, and The Goblin; Dr. D. U. N. Downs, Spectre; Mr. A. W. de Roza, The Sandpiper.

Races Nos. 2, 3 and 5—Commonwealth Handicap—"A," "B," and "C" Classes: 6 Furlongs.

Mr. Luen Yick, Macao Beauty; Mr. U-Un, Dragon Boat and Leaf (late Four-Nought-Three); Mr. K.H., Loongwa, Laceda II, Papyrus, and Easter Day; Mr. Yam Man, Flash Star, Valour, and Dick Lo; Mr. Dynasty, King of Troy, King of the Plains and King of the Plains; Mr. R. J. Paterson, September and August; Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Bing Boy; Mr. R. J. Paterson, Scooter; The Regent, Dobbin and Ukelele; Mr. E. L. Sim, Sugar Leaf; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Kom Tong Hall; Mrs. Bernard, Barley Grass; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Tangle, Loch Tummel, Loch Rannoch and Total Abstinence; Mrs. Priestley, Grande del Norte and Esprit; Mr. Eve, Misty Eve, Battle Eve, Bright Eve and Festive Eve; Mr. Hau Un, Little Sit Tang (late Romeo, late Flash); Dr. J. C. Macgown, Sunburst Rose; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Grey Streak and Pottenbush; Mr. R. M. Austin, Grey Knight, Home Call and Fire Call; Mr. Johnathan, Plum Pudding and Jackie Coogan; Mr. M. M. Watson, Vincent (late Pearl River II); Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego; Mr. H. A. Kelly, Cui; Mr. H. P. White, Salvo; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Gomeril and Grig; Mr. D. U. N. Downs, Spectre; Mr. C. B. Brown, Fuzzlefield; Mr. A. W. de Roza, The Sandpiper.

Race No. 4—3rd Aggregate Stakes: 1 Mile.

Mr. Luen Yick, Macao Beauty; Mr. U-Un, Leaf (late Four-Nought-Three) and Dragon Boat; Mr. K.H., Baccarat and Papyrus; Mr. Dynasty, King of the Plains; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Ukelele; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Total Abstinence; Mrs. Priestley, Grande del Norte; Mr. Eve, Misty Eve; Mr. R. M. Austin, Brigade Call; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, Saligia, and The Goblin.

Race Nos. 6 and 9—Empire Handicap—"A" and "B" Classes: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Luen Yick, Macao Beauty; Mr. U-Un, Dragon Boat and Leaf (late Four-Nought-Three); Mr. K.H., Papyrus, Laceda II, and Easter Day; Mr. Yam Man, Flash Star; Mr. Dynasty, King of the Plains and King of Troy; Mr. R. J. Paterson, August; Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Attaboy; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Dobbin and Ukelele; Mr. E. L. Sim, Bagheera; Mrs. Bernard, Barley Grass; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Tangle, Loch Tummel, Loch Rannoch, and Total Abstinence; Mrs. Priestley, Grande del Norte and Esprit; Mr. Eve, Misty Eve and Bright Eve; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Pottenbush; Mr. R. M. Austin, Grey Knight and Brigade Call; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Gomeril and The Gezer.

Race No. 7—Union Plate: 6 Furlongs.

Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Bing Boy; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Scooter; Mrs. E. L. Sim, Sugar Leaf; Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Kom Tong Hall; Mr. Eve, Festive Eve; Mr. R. M. Austin, Fire Call; Mr. Johnathan, Plum Pudding and Jackie Coogan.

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CLOSE OF YACHTING SEASON.

THE PRINCIPAL EVENT IN THE PROGRAMME.

TEAMS FOR THE ADMIRAL LEVESON CUP.

SATURDAY'S ARRANGEMENTS.

As we mentioned yesterday, the closing cruise of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club takes place on Saturday afternoon, the first race being at 3 p.m.

In addition to the sailing races for all classes of yachts there will be some interesting rowing events. The principal race under this heading is for Admiral Leveson's Challenge Cup, presented for competition between His Majesty's units of all Services and local "Hong" crews. This cup has been competed for on three occasions and has been won twice by the officers of H.M.S. *Titania* and once by the Public Works Department. It is one of the premier local rowing trophies and is always very keenly contested.

The entries for this event are as follows:—

Butterfield & Swire: J. W. Robertson, J. D. Crawford, A. Moor, P. W. Blackwell and J. Mackay.

Volunteers: J. C. Middleton-Smith, C. B. Easterbrook, J. L. Stanton, K. S. Robertson and F. P. Lanfesty.

H.K. and S. Bank: J. H. Sutcliffe, R. McIntyre, V. R. Jones, A. C. Groves and M. Mills.

H.M.S. *Titania*: Lieut. G. Tanner, R. W. Muir, G. H. D. Duncan, E. H. Gibson and Lieut.-Comdr. T. L. S. Bell.

It is very unfortunate that three of the "Hong" who have always had a good crew for this race are unable to make up crews this year owing to sickness and transfers; among them are the P.W.D. and the A.P.C. who put up an excellent race for the last "Hong" Fours Cup resulting in a dead heat.

Of the other hand Butterfield & Swire have again come into the picture with a very useful four. This crew, with three "Varsity" and public school rowing men, and the fourth a very strong car, make a formidable combination.

H.M.S. *Titania*, last year's winners, have the same crew that won on the 2nd of this month against the Club, and therefore look like catching the judge's eye again.

The Bank's crew is better than for some years past; they have been together for some time and will put up a good show.

For the first time in their history the Hong-Kong Volunteer Defence Corps have entered a crew. It was practically a last minute arrangement and is made up of members of the civilian "Hong" who are this year unable to enter owing to casualties. This crew has only been together for a few days, but they are already getting into good form. Composed of two interpreters and two good oarsmen, they look like having a very sporting chance.

Those who generally "pick the winner" this year make the non-committal forecast of "its anybody's race" and a close struggle is expected.

Club Pairs.

The Club Pairs for the Percy Smith Challenge Cup has two entries for the Bank pair (Glover and Jones) who won at the opening cruise last November, and Robertson and Easterbrook, both interpreters. This should be a very close race and as all four men are also rowing in the Leveson Cup, everything points to another interesting finish especially if a few post entries are obtained.

The Club Fours will be drawn for on the day. This is generally a ding-dong race.

Launches for the Public will leave Statue Pier every 15 minutes from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and a good afternoon's sport is offered, in what promises to be ideal weather conditions.

Some eighty prizes will be distributed at the close of the programme to successful competitors during the whole of the sailing and rowing season.

Jackie Coogan, Mr. M. M. Watson, Vincent (late Pearl River II); Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Grig; Mr. C. B. Brown, Fuzzlefield.

Race No. 8—Dominion Plate: 1 Mile.

Mr. Dynasty, King of Troy; Mr. R. J. Paterson, August; Mr. R. J. Paterson, Scooter; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Tangle, Loch Tummel, Loch Rannoch, and Total Abstinence; Mrs. R. M. Austin, Pottenbush; Mr. Johnathan, Plum Pudding; Mr. M. M. Watson, Vincent (late Pearl River II); Mr. H. P. White, Salvo; Messrs. Hall and Shenton, The Gomeril and The Gezer; Mr. D. U. N. Downs, Spectre.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

HONDA QUALIFIES FOR SEMI-FINAL.

INDIAN PAIR WINS AGAIN.

Ng Sze Cheung and Honda met yesterday in the fourth round of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony to decide who should meet S. A. Rumjahn in the semi-final. The Japanese won, as was generally expected, but the Chinese gave him a close run in all three sets, losing by 6-4, 6-4 and 9-7. In the second set the Chinese had a lead of 4-2, but failed to clinch his advantage, while in the third set he was within one point of winning it, having 6 games to 5 and 40-15 in his favour.

Both players remained at the back of the court most of the time and there was a lot of baseline driving. The champion varied his length considerably, often drawing his opponent up to the net to beat him with stinging shots. He also placed with greater accuracy and brought off some of his spectacular shots.

Ng Sze Cheung did not extend Honda in the way he did in 1925. He gave the most forceful display he has shown this season, but was, on the whole, ineffective against the champion, who proved much too clever for him.

In the fourth round of the Open Doubles, Razack and Cassumbhoy met and defeated Col. Russell Brown and Forster by the odd set in five, after losing the first two. The young Indian players appeared to be nervous in the beginning and found their opponents very steady. Col. Russell Brown being particularly hard to beat. The strain told on the older pair, especially on Forster, who at the end did not play nearly as well as he did at first. The Colonel played consistently well throughout.

The winners enter the semi-final for the first time in their career and meet their Club mates, H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.

Several other matches were also decided, Redmond disposing of Stark in the second round of the Club Singles by three sets to love. Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles.

1st Round:—T. Honda beat Ng Sze Cheung, 6-4, 6-4, 9-7.

Open Doubles.

1st Round:—J. A. Cassumbhoy and I. M. Razack beat Col. C. Russell Brown and L. Forster, 4-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Club Singles.

2nd Round:—F. A. Redmond beat C. C. Stark, 9-3, 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."

G. W. Sewell (owe 4/8) beat G. Miskin (scr.), 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles.

Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine (scr.) beat A. E. Eagle and S. H. Langston (rec. 15/3), 6-4, 8-6.

E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) beat Lieut. H. C. L. Hall and Lieut. D. Smith (rec. 15), 6-2, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. Hall and H. Owen Hughes (owe 1/6) beat Miss Butcher and A. J. Hazeland (rec. 15/1), 6-3, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Club Singles.

3rd Round:—F. A. Redmond v. R. M. Henderson; L. Forster v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

Handicap Singles "B."

J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) v. P. E. Barker (rec. 4/6).

Open Doubles.

L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2/6) v. R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1).

J. N. Owen and E. E. Mimaek (rec. 15) v. S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6).

C. L. Sanders and H. Graves (rec. 15/9) v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6).

CONCLUDING ROUNDS OF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the H.K.C.C. Tournament are drawing to a close. Both events are in the semi-final stages and judging by the form and reputations of the players featuring in them, the remaining matches are expected to be extraordinarily interesting.

The dates for the different semi-finals have now been fixed. The first match is down for decision to-morrow, Friday, when Yew Man Tam and Yew Man Kit will meet.

T. Honda and H. Akiyama in the first semi-final of the Open Doubles. Razack and Cassumbhoy will play S. A. Rumjahn and E. D. Rumjahn in the second semi-final on Saturday.

In the Open Singles Ng Sze Cheung and H. D. Rumjahn on Monday, while Honda and S. A. Rumjahn follow on Tuesday. No dates have been fixed for the finals. With Honda, H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn in the semi-finals some really good class tennis will be seen.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

THE K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, at 4 p.m., in Lawn Tennis League games:—

"A" Team v. Hong Kong C.C. on Hong Kong C.C. ground: E. C. Fincher (captain) and E. F. Fincher, W. Hyde and C. E. Millard, Thomas Lay and N. Trambitzky.

"B" Team v. Hong Kong C.C. on Kowloon C.C. ground: C. H. Atkins (captain) and A. Hanson, G. S. Ford and H. C. Bough, J. S. Smith and C. H. Leddra.

"C" Team v. Hong Kong C.C. on Hong Kong C.C. ground: E. Abraham (captain) and R. E. Lindsell, F. Hamblin and W. J. Howard, W. Woodward and R. F. Strange.

Varsity "B" Team.

The following will represent the University "B" team in a League match against South-China A.A. on Saturday, at 4 p.m., on the University ground:—W. M. Gittins, D. Laing, Lu Tak Lam, T. K. Tan, G. do Souza and B. P. Ng.

V.R.C. AMATEUR BOXING.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON SATURDAY.

The amateur boxing tournament, open to all amateurs, including civilians, Service men and school boys, to be staged at the Victoria Recreation Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday next week, should be a most successful sporting event.

Entries up to date are good; many Service men are expected to compete, and although replies have not yet been received from all the local schools invited to enter contestants, it is understood that St. Joseph's College, one of the four schools invited to participate, have signified that they will enter 20 contestants.

Entries officially close at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

As stated last week, the boxing on each evening will be in two sessions, one session beginning at 8 o'clock, and the second at 9 o'clock.

Further details, as to contestants, and the order of the different events will not be available until after the entries close.

ARTILLERY ATHLETICS.

MEETING TO BE HELD AT U.S.R.C.

The annual athletic meeting of the Royal Artillery is to be held at the United Services Recreation Ground, Kowloon, on Thursday and Friday next.

With the increased number of Service men in the Colony the meeting, which is always a very successful one, should be more than usually interesting this year.

Open events include:—One Mile Flat Race, timed for 3.10 p.m.

One Mile Relay Race, timed for 5 p.m. (distance: 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, and 220 yards, teams of four).

Open to the Royal Navy, European Garrison (including H.K. V.D.C.), Hong Kong Police and British Residents.

The sports will begin at 2 p.m. each day.

THE SURREYS IN INDIA.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP WON.

The Rawalpindi Boxing Tournament has been won by the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, who left Hong Kong for India last year, according to a letter to a contemporary. They had to meet very strong opposition, but succeeded in gaining the All-round Athletic Championship of their Division.

Drummer Bowles figured well and knocked out three opponents, two of these being in the first round and the other in the second. Pte. Simpson also accounted for a similar number. Other fighters of the Battalion also distinguished themselves.

The team points at the end of the tournament were: East Surreys, 21; Royal Sussex Regiment, 18; King's Own Royal Regiment, 16; and Royal Signals, 15.

In the Individual Championships, the Surreys won four events, the winners being: Featherweight: Drummer Bowles. Bantamweight: Pte. Simpson. Flyweight: Pte. Dawson. Light-heavyweight: Pte. Foulkes.

The Surreys team is representing the Rawalpindi District in the Northern Command Championships. The first defeat of the Surreys last season was on March 29th at Lahore when they were eliminated from the Lahore Tradesmen's Cup by the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who beat them by three goals to one.

My debut in professional football last season was no an easy one. On the contrary, the Rangers were playing against Arsenal, at the time the leaders of the Third Division, at Plymouth. Naturally I found the conditions strange at first, but I soon settled down, and nowadays a match with the Rangers causes me no more perturbation than a game with Leyton.

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AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL.

WHICH IS MORE ENJOYABLE.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

(By T. H. CABLE, Leyton's Amateur International Centre-Half.)

"Tommy" Cable has played both for Leyton, the famous Amateur team, and for Queen's Park Rangers.

What do you prefer—playing in amateur or professional games? I am often asked.

While from a football point of view I enjoy playing for Queen's Park Rangers I prefer to assist Leyton when they are matched against worthy opponents, as is the case in Cup matches.

Contrasting amateur and professional football, my impression is that the greatest difference is in the sociology of the players. I have always been on the friendliest terms with my professional colleagues, but I feel there is a better spirit of comradeship amongst the amateur.

The paid player, as he is bound to do, regards the final whistle of each Saturday's match as the close of his week's work, but as amateur's enjoyment usually lasts well into the evening, as the game is followed by a dinner and a pleasant social evening.

Professional football is, of course, faster than amateur, and there is less time to decide on the wisest course. It is more methodical and consequently less exertion is expended by the players.

Types and Tactics.

During my association with Queen's Park Rangers I have not found any special preparation necessary beyond the customary Wednesday evening training at Leyton, and, if anything, I feel less tired after playing for a League side than at the finish of an amateur game.

I have been asked whether I adopt different tactics in the two types of football. When assisting Queen's Park Rangers I marked time on the opposing centre forward, who is naturally a player of repute, but in the amateur code, unless the leader of the opposing attack is of outstanding merit, I keep well up behind my forwards.

More enthusiasm is shown in amateur than in professional football—at least, that is my opinion, although I must admit that I have had no experience of professional Cup-tie football.

My debut in professional football last season was no an easy one. On the contrary, the Rangers were playing against Arsenal, at the time the leaders of the Third Division, at Plymouth. Naturally I found the conditions strange at first, but I soon settled down, and nowadays a match with the Rangers causes me no more perturbation than a game with Leyton.

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SPANISH BOXER SUSPENDED.

ASPIRANT FOR WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

[BUTHER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 27th.

At the request of the Massachusetts Boxing Board, Paolino Uzcudun, the Spanish heavyweight champion aspirant of the World's championship title, has been suspended by the New York Boxing Commission on the ground that he refused to meet Ed. Keeley in Boston on April 18th, as agreed. Paolino was the boxer selected by Tex Rickard to meet Dempsey, should the latter really decide to come back to the ring.

Curiously enough, I played what I consider one of the finest games of my career when I was feeling unfit. It was at Christmas, 1925, and the Rangers had three fixtures in four days—Charlton at home and away, and Millwall at Shepherd's Bush.

After the two strenuous games on Friday and Saturday, on Monday when we were due to play Millwall I was feeling unwell, and I recollect asking Mr. Hewison, the manager, to find another man to fill my place. He replied that many a man had played the game of his life when feeling out of sorts.

I turned out, and besides scoring two of the three goals by which we beat Millwall, I played one of my best games.

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EX-KAISER'S MESSAGE TO GERMANY.

"BENEATH MY DIGNITY TO RETURN."

The ex-Kaiser has sent a message to Germany categorically denying that either he or any one acting on his behalf has taken any step, officially or otherwise, to obtain permission for him to return to Germany.

He also emphatically states that he has not the slightest intention of applying to the Republican Government for permission to come back to the Fatherland, because he feels that such a step would be beneath his dignity.

The message further states that the palace in Unter den Linden, concerning which there has been so much discussion of late, will be used only from time to time by the Empress Hermine as a temporary home where she can break the long and fatiguing journey between Doorn and her Silesian estates at Sanior. She by no means contemplates taking up a permanent residence in this Berlin castle.

BRITISH BETTING TAX YIELD.

292,700 IN FEBRUARY.

In the House of Commons Mr. Churchill informed Sir Frank Meyer (U., Great Yarmouth) that the revenue derived from the betting duty for the month of February was 292,700.

Sir F. Meyer asked whether this was due to a faulty estimate or to a reduction in the amount of betting.

Mr. Churchill: I have no doubt various explanations can be put forward, according to taste. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) But as an opportunity for discussion of the betting tax will be afforded on the Finance Bill, I prefer them to answer the matter as a whole.

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ARRIVALS.

April 28th
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Chenau, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. Thos. G. Bear, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18—B. & S.
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Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Autan, with a general cargo, lying at Loen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

April 27th.

Hai Ning, British str., 832 tons, Capt. W. C. Passmore, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow, with 600 tons of general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co.
Lee Sang, British str., 978 tons, Capt. A. Dockway, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Moo Sang, British str., 2,062 tons, Capt. T. Meyrick, from Sandakan, which port she left on April 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. W. Lumden, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—B. & S.
Takma, British str., 6,154 tons, Capt. C. G. Cocklin, from Osaka, Kobe, Shanghai and Amoy. The last mentioned port she left on April 25th, with 915 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Tottori Maru, Japanese str., 3,073 tons, Capt. K. Harada, from Japan via Shanghai. The latter port she left on April 24th, with 640 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.
Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,720 tons, Capt. J. Groothoff, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2—J.C.L.

CLEARANCES.

April 27th.
Anyo Maru, for Moji.
Benmohr, for Takao.
Chenau, for Swatow.
Daviken, for Bangkok.
Durry, for Hoihow.
Forresterbank, for Chinwangtao.
Heng Peng, for Swatow.
Hin Sang, for Sandakan.
Lee Sang, for Swatow.
Leke, for Shanghai.
Tottori Maru, for Singapore.
Van Heutz, for Singapore.

BRITISH SEAPLANE WRECKED.

COLLISION WITH BOAT AT SHANGHAI.

A large British bombing seaplane was almost totally wrecked on Friday afternoon after colliding with a native boat opposite Jardine's Pootung Wharf, Shanghai.
 It appears that the seaplane had just taken off from the river at the side of H.M.S. *Argus* with the intention of proceeding towards the river mouth and after rising 24 feet from the water, the left wing of the plane collided with the mast of a Chinese junk which was proceeding up river.
 After striking the junk the seaplane capsized, the engine which was, of course, hot, becoming immersed and accordingly being considerably damaged. Launches were immediately sent from H.M.S. *Argus* and the machine was towed to the ship's side.
 The wing of the plane was completely smashed and the total damage sustained to the seaplane is estimated at about £4,000. Delicate instruments and radio equipment were ruined.
 Considerable difficulty was experienced in extricating one of the airmen, whose foot had become entangled with the machinery. Two of the seaplane's crew sustained cuts on the head which are fortunately not serious. The pilot was unhurt.
 The damage to the junk is practically negligible and is estimated at about \$100.
 An inquiry was held on Saturday morning on board of H.M.S. *Argus*.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Adriatus (Blue Funnel), due July 15th.
Aeneas (Blue Funnel), due May 1st.
Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due May 28th.
Automedon (Blue Funnel), due May 31st.
Benrinnes (Ben Line) due May 2nd.
Cyprien (Melchers), due May 4th.
Dessau (Melchers), due May 10th.
Deucalion (Blue Funnel), due June 25th.
Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due to-day.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due to-day.
Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.
Glenara (Jardine), due May 1st.
Heleneus (Blue Funnel), due June 23rd.
Levin (Blue Funnel), due July 3rd.
Kalyas (P. & O.), due June 9th.
Macedonia (P. & O.), due June 23rd.
Kashgar (P. & O.), due July 7th.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due May 12th.

Malwa (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about 8 a.m.
Mantua (P. & O.), due May 28th.
Mirapora (P. & O.), due May 10th.
Morua (P. & O.), due to-day, about 10 a.m.
Nellora (P. & O.), due June 23rd.
Novara (P. & O.), due June 28th.
Pygmaea (P. & O.), due this morning.
Phenius (Blue Funnel), due May 11th.
Preussen (Jensen), due May 10th.
Sarabirinken (Melchers), due to-morrow.
Santhia (B.I. & A.), due May 13th.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.
St. Albans (E. & A.), due June 8th.
Takima (B.I. & A.), due May 6th.
Tanda (E. & A.), due May 7th.
Tantalus (Blue Funnel), due May 13th.
Tilawa (B.I. & A.), due May 2nd.

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May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 25	C'burg-Shampton July 1
June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	July 8	C'burg-Shampton July 15
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 9	C'burg-Shampton July 21
June 13	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 13	P'mth-C'burg July 21
June 23	San Francisco	Homer	July 23	C'burg-Shampton July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	P'mth-C'burg Aug. 7
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